IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently amended) A phenolic group-containing phosphonite compound of formula (I)

wherein

the compound of formula (I) comprises a first phenyl group attached to a phosphonite group, and further comprises a second phenyl group attached to a hydroxyl group,

 R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 independently of one another are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, n and m are 1, and

X is a C_4 C_4 - C_6 -alkyl substituted alkylene and is in para-positions with respect to the phosphonite group attached to the first phenyl group and with respect to the hydroxyl group attached to the second phenyl group.

3. (Previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 2, wherein X is propylmethylene, R_1 and R_4 are methyl, R_2 and R_6 are t-butyl, and R_3 and R_5 are hydrogen.

Claims 4-18 (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) A phenolic group-containing phosphonite compound of formula (I)

wherein

 R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 independently of one another are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, n and m are 1, and

X is sulfur.

20. (Previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 2, wherein X is propylmethylene.